



*Nineteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
October 8, 2023*

*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant  
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,  
the community, and the world."*

## **Service of Holy Communion**

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.*

*We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.*

*Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.*

*As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

**Gathering**



**Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*We stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.**  
**Create in us a new heart  
and give us a steadfast spirit.**  
**Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.**  
**Amen.**

As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

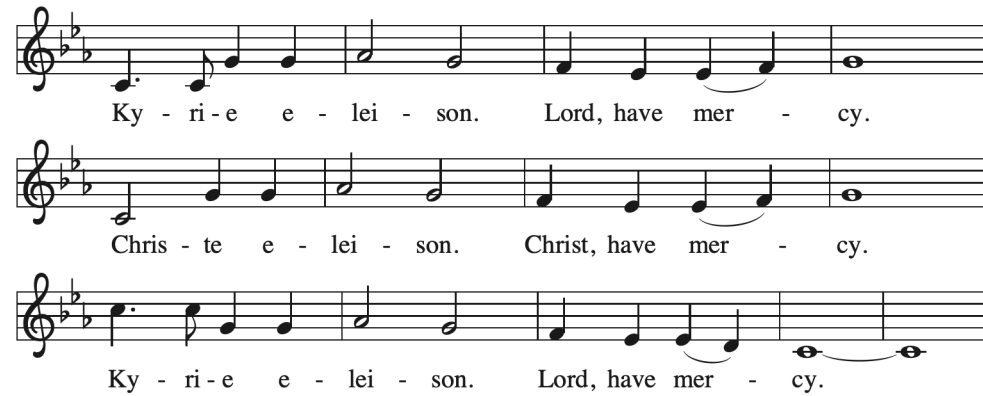
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Kyrie

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;**

<sup>11</sup>it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup>**Why then have you broken down its walls,**

<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,**

<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted.

*We stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



## **Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

A reading from Philippians:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when

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the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

### **Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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### Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father,  
and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Apostle's Creed in Swahili

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina.**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

### Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.*

God of grace  
**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit.*

**Meal**



### Offertory

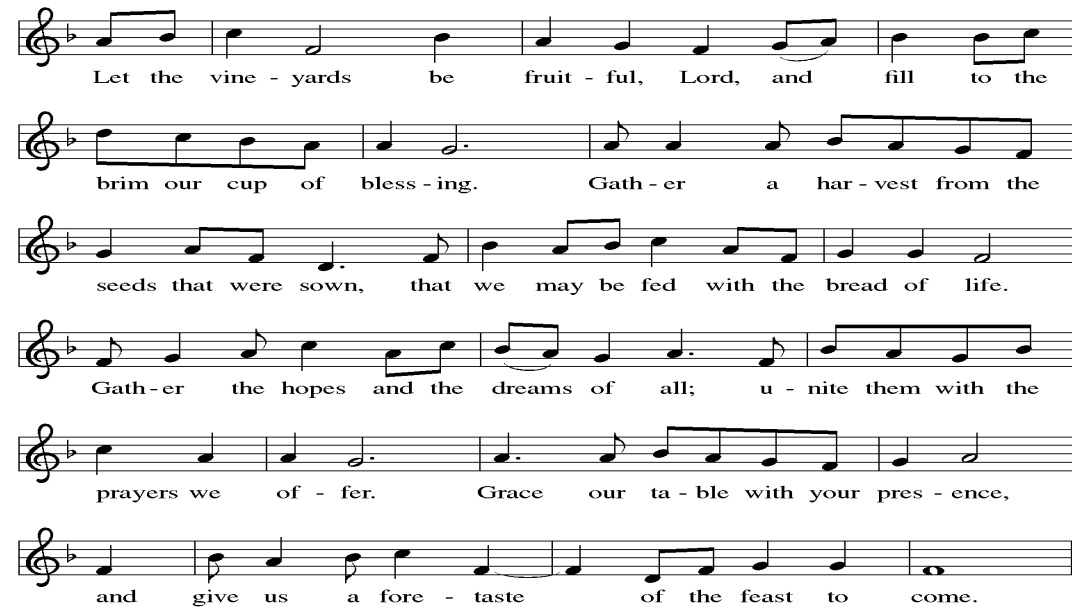
*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

*We stand.*

## Offertory Song

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of our abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**



### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The second staff continues with "God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your". The third staff has "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff says "Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff has "Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The sixth and final staff concludes with "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.



## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
And gave it to his disciples,  
Saying: Take and eat,  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray  
as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### The Holy Communion

***OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)***

***Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.***

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

***We stand.***

### The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord,  
we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.  
Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word  
and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in + Christ, Jesus.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** *“God Loved the World”*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.



**Prayer List**

**Please print** your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

**Prayer Request for Members** (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends** (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

- Bill Aldridge**—Friend of the Kites
- Mike Arbaugh**—Friend of Linda Tomey
- Mia Eckstrom**, Granddaughter of Jack & Antoinette Eckstrom (knee surgery)
- Zaneta Freeman**, Sister of Debra Freeman Belle
- Leslie McCarthy**, friend of Rew and Karen Walck
- Cinzia Occhioni**, Niece of Linda Meyer
- Doug Price**, ELCA Deacon
- Michael Sathe**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Joys and Celebrations** (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members** (Remain on List for three (3) months)

- |                       |                             |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Emily Almarode</b> | <b>Genevieve Arneson</b>    | <b>Marge Cloutier</b> |
| <b>Sandy Johnson</b>  | <b>Phyllis Kite</b>         | <b>Glenn Myers</b>    |
|                       | <b>Tom and Carol Varner</b> |                       |

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**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Gary Barrette**, Brother of Bob Barrette  
**Rebekah Bircher**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Caitlin Binda Bomar**, Friend of Many in Our Community  
**Sandie Hammel**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Neil Harris**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Marcy Haywood**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Carrie Humphreys**, Former Grace Member  
**Dick Longworth**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Jennifer McDonald**, Friend of the Radeckes  
**Taunya McDonald**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle  
**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Kite  
**James Pingel**, Brother of Pastor Pingel  
**Charles and Ruth Ann Williams**, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

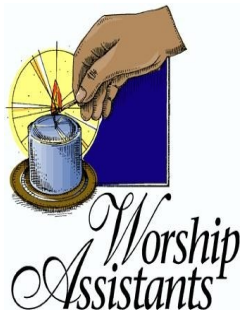
**Family of Chucky Bergdorf**, former Assistant Principal at Kate Collins  
**Family of Wayne Comer**—Grandfather of Ty & Hannah (Lundstrom) Comer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Susan Smith (10/10)**  
**Bill Meicke (10/14)**

**Glen Gray (10/11)**  
**Eric Hilker (10/14)**





**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Gail Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Gloria Nelson
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Tami Radecke
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Eric Hilker Carolyn Hite
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Karen Walck
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady Jean Morgan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Pat Brady Jean Morgan

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**October 15, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

**Psalms 23**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

**Matthew 22:1-14**



*Chancel flowers are given this morning  
to the glory of God and in memory of  
Leonard C. Reid, Jr. by his daughter,  
Dawn E. Reid*



**The Needs of the World**

Those in peril from severe weather, hurricanes, earthquake and floods

**Peace in the World—Those whose lives are shattered by war; those victimized by human trafficking**

The prayer of Jesus—That we may find unity in Christ, and in our nation's laws and living, that all people—regardless of color, ethnicity, and gender—might find a way forward together in the love of God, and beyond the fears and anxieties of our time.

**Our elected officials and those serving in all areas of government (federal, state, and local); and for decisions and work that serve the common good.**

Victims of the Morgan State University Shooting in Maryland

**The Church**

Indigenous Peoples and the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement

**For our partners in Refugee ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**Our Neighbors**

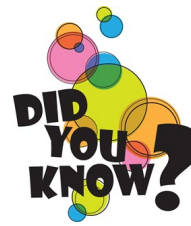
**Our Neighbors near the Orchard Creek Area**



**Grace Baptism Class** — We are meeting Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The class will run through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class will cover: History of Baptism; History of Baptismal Practice, and The Baptismal Font; Its Location and Design, and Possible Renovation or Redesign.



**Grace Walkers**—Location to park for the Greenway, for the time being, has been changed to Constitution Park, 215 Elroy Street, Waynesboro. Meeting time to walk is still at 8:30 a.m.



**Quarterly Community Support Info Ministry Fellowships**—Each quarter, two to three community volunteer groups will present their mission and work in Waynesboro. Grace members can introduce their volunteer organizations to our congregation, helping those interested in contributing to the community. Each group will provide a two to three minute overview of their work, target audience, and volunteer tasks, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. To participate, sign up your organization on the sheet at the back of the church. The first fellowship will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> after the service. For questions, contact Donna Yobs or Karen Walck.



**God's Children** has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know (rcbump0621@gmail.com).



**Youth Host an ELCA National Youth Gathering Yard Sale!** "We are having a church yard sale Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Rain or shine! It is an indoor yard sale. All proceeds go to support our youth in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in summer 2024. Please show your support for our youth by either donating items for the yard sale or shopping yard sale items on 11/4!" Please begin dropping your items at Grace in the designated area in the Fellowship Hall starting October 15.



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** Grace members, along with our quilters, cut 630 9" x 9" flannel squares! They will be distributed to countries throughout Africa including: Ghana, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Uganda, Namibia and Rwanda. Samples of the Sanitary Kits are assembled and taken to the schools. Young women are taught to assemble their own kits. As there is an ongoing need, I would like to continue to cut and collect squares. There is no limit to the number of squares to be sent and no deadline. Please be encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile outreach project!

Square requirements: **Prewashed, flannel** (no fleece, felt or plush). Cut into 9" x 9" squares. Place in plastic container at the back of the Nave. If you have questions, etc., please contact Gloria Nelson.



**College Care Packages**—Each November a small group of Grace members gather to pack boxes of goodies for our college students around the time of their Fall semester final exams. It's a short term task each year, and the students really appreciate being remembered by their congregation back home. We are looking to step down and seeking another leader or co-leaders to take on this fun task. We will "mentor" you through this Fall and help with organizing, as needed. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Linda Meyer ([lameyer@cfw.com](mailto:lameyer@cfw.com) or 540-256-2277) or Caroline Biggers ([caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com) or 540-337-1951).



**Dinners of Eight Are Back!** Members and friends of Grace are invited to sign up for Dinners of Eight – a monthly time of informal fellowship and getting to know each other better as a family of faith.

The plan is to schedule Dinners of Eight soon for the autumn months. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church along with copies of a Frequently Asked Questions sheet. Hosting is not a requirement to participate. The only obligation is to enjoy an evening of fun, good food, visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Don't let the name fool you: Dinners of Eight is *not* for couples only; it's for couples, singles, and families with kids.

For more information, contact the coordinator, Mark Radecke, at [radecke@susqu.edu](mailto:radecke@susqu.edu).



**Community Potluck at Grace**—This meal is for community members to gather for fellowship and provide an opportunity for fellowship and building relationships on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! These meals are meant to be a time of fellowship for Grace members and an opportunity to build relationships with other folks in our community. Come and eat—bring a dish, bring a friend!



**Handbell Choir**—anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Sam Moyers.



**Grace ELC and WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS)** - We are beginning to plan our contributions to the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry's Cold Weather Shelter. The CWS coordinates with churches in our area to provide food and shelter to our homeless neighbors. Estimates indicate there are over 80 people in our area in need of these services. Grace ELC has been asked to host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors for the week of **December 4 - 11, 2023**. Please pray for this important ministry as we enter the planning stage. More info is coming soon! Peace - Susan Myers and Donna Yobs, CWS Co-Coordinator



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-six*** deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and Twenty-one to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,920 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

# OCTOBER 2023

October 8—October 15, 2023

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	10/08	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  <b>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding  <b>Confirmation Class</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
Monday	10/09	7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Anti-Racism Book Group</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	10/10	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	 <b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	10/11	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00p.m. 7:30 p.m.	 <b>School Backpacking</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)  <b>Community Potluck</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	10/12	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b>  <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Virginia Organizing Meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Grace Baptism Class</b> (Seminar Room)
Saturday	10/14	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/15	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b>  <b>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding  <b>Confirmation Class</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)  <b>Quarterly Community Information Support Fellowship</b>

# DAILY BIBLE READING



## **Monday**

1 Kings 21:1-16  
1 Corinthians 1:1-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

## **Tuesday**

1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Morning Psalm 54, Evening 28

## **Wednesday**

1 Kings 22:1-28  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
Matthew 4:18-25  
Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125

## **Thursday**

1 Kings 22:29-45  
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15  
Matthew 5:1-10  
Morning 143, Evening 81


## **Friday**

2 Kings 1:2-17  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:11-16  
Morning Psalm 88 Evening 6

## **Saturday**

2 Kings 2:1-18  
1 Corinthians 4:1-7  
Matthew 5:17-20  
Morning Psalm 122, Evening 100

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